

In the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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1/n (Currently amended) A method of generating a manipulated output image by means of a digital camera, the method comprising the steps of:

Def capturing a focused image using an automatic focusing technique generating focus settings;

storing the focus settings in a memory of the digital camera; and

generating a manipulated output image by applying a digital image manipulating process to the captured focused image, the digital image manipulating process utilizing the stored focus settings, wherein the digital image manipulation process is selected from the group consisting of

n (a) applying a face detection algorithm to the captured focussed image; and

(b) producing a painting effect within the captured focussed image.

2/n (Original) A method of generating a manipulated output image according to claim *1/n*, wherein the stored focus settings include a current position of a zoom motor of the digital camera.

7. (Cancelled)

3/n (Previously amended) A method of generating a digital image according to claim *2/n*, further including the step of printing out the manipulated image by means of a printing mechanism inbuilt into the digital camera.

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(Original) A method according to claim ¹/₂, wherein the digital image manipulating process selectively applies techniques to the focused image utilizing the stored focus settings.

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